

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the specification with the attached substitute specification. This amendment merely corrects formal defects in Tables 7 and 8 and replaces all references to "BLyS" with "BLSP," an abbreviation for "B Lymphocyte Stimulator Protein."

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the abstract at page 243 with the following amended abstract:

Binding polypeptides that specifically bind [[BLyS]]BLSP protein or [[BLyS]]BLSP-like polypeptides can be used in methods of the invention for detecting, diagnosing, or prognosing a disease or disorder associated with aberrant [[BLyS]]BLSP or [[BLyS]]BLSP receptor expression or inappropriate function of [[BLyS]]BLSP or [[BLyS]]BLSP receptor, comprising [[BLyS]]BLSP binding polypeptides or fragments or variants thereof, that specifically bind to [[BLyS]]BLSP. The present invention further relates to methods and compositions for preventing, treating or ameliorating a disease or disorder associated with aberrant [[BLyS]]BLSP or [[BLyS]]BLSP receptor expression or inappropriate [[BLyS]]BLSP function or [[BLyS]]BLSP receptor function, comprising administering to an animal, preferably a human, an effective amount of one or more [[BLyS]]BLSP binding polypeptides or fragments or variants thereof, that specifically bind to [[BLyS]]BLSP.